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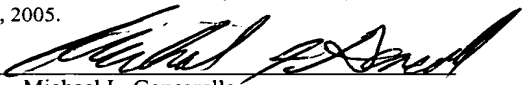
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the application of: |) | |
| BOYD et al. |) | Examiner: Ojini, Eziamara Anthony |
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| Application No.: 10/681,719 |) | Group Art Unit: 3723 |
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| Filed: October 7, 2003 |) | Atty. Docket No.: LAM2P311A |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) | | Date: August 15, 2005 |
| REDUCING COMPRESSED DRY) | | |
| AIR USAGE DURING CHEMICAL) | | |
| MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION) | | |

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2005.

As August 13, 2005 fell on a Saturday, the time for response is extended to August 15, 2005. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.